Development of tea tourism circuit

†2387.SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up night safari park for the development of tea tourism circuit and has also sanctioned Rs. 902.36 lakh and released Rs. 717.38 lakh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the project has started in Kalimpong and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) An amount of Rs. 15.00 lakh has been sanctioned for preparation of a feasibility report on Setting up of Night Safari Park at Jorepokhari in Darjeeling area of West Bengal under scheme for Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects. However, the specific project proposal for the same has not been received from the State Government.

A project for Development of Kalimpong as a tourist destination for an amount of Rs. 498.38 lakh was also sanctioned in the year 2006-07.

Implementation of projects is the responsibility of the State Government. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India monitors the progress of the projects from time to time. The balance fund for a project is released only on receipt of completion/utilization certificate in respect of the installment released earlier for it.

A list of projects sanctioned for the State of West Bengal in the year 2006-07 is enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Tourism Projects sanctioned for West Bengal during the year 2006-07

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	2006-07 Integrated Development of 'Tea Tourism Circuit" in North Bengal	388.98
	Setting up of a Night-Safari Park at Jorepokhari in Darjeeling, "West Bengal under LRG Scheme-Preparation of Feasibility Report	15.00

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

SI. No.	Name of project 2006-07	Amount Sanctioned
3.	Development of Kalimpong under Destination Scheme	498.38
4.	Setting up of tourism infrastructural facilities at Goke	355.49
5.	Development of Eastern Dooars Tourism Circuit in Jalpaiguri District,	683.58
6.	Development of Beach Tourism Circuit in Purba Medinipur District	598.02
7.	Development of Rural Tourism at village Mukutmonipur, Distt. Bankura	50.00
8.	Development of Rural Tourism at village Antpur, Distt. Hooghly	50.00
	TOTAL	2639.45

Development of tourist sites of historical importance in Delhi

2388. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop tourist sites of historical importance in the country and especially in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the amount proposed to be allocated by Government for developing these sites of historical importance?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Minister of Tourism under its scheme of "Product/ Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits" provides Central Financial Assistance to the State/UT Governments for implementation of tourism projects including tourist sites of historical importance which are prioritized in consultation with them. A State wise list of such prioritized projects to be implemented during the current financial year including those in Delhi is given in Statement (See below).

(c) The projects prioritized are eligible to a maximum central financial assistance of Rs. 5.00 crore for destination development and Rs. 8.00 crore for circuit development and for identified mega projects for destinations/circuits, the maximum central financial assistance is Rs. 25.00 crore for destination development and Rs. 50.00 crore for circuit development.